

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1895. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number: 09/4370

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Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: L. Alejandro Mulero

Attorney Docket Number: 07363.0010

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000); 04, Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. Previously submitted:
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 6, 2001.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Other: Terminal Disclaimer; Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131; Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175; and Copy of Consent of Assignee and Offer to Surrender Original Patent
- b. Enclosed:
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other _____

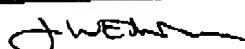
3. Fees:

- a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:
 - i. \$740.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of Time Fee (_____ Months) \$ _____
 - iii. Other: Petition to Revive, together with check for \$1,200.00
- b. Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed.
- c. The Director is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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Signature: 

Date: October 11, 2001

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